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### IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

**The Edmunds Resolution Not Taken Up in the Senate.**

### UNION PACIFIC MATTERS.

**A Resolution in the House for Investigating the Company's Affairs.**

### ENORMOUS FRAUDS ALLEGED.

When the Senate met to-day the seats in the gallery were comfortably filled, and by one o'clock the galleries were crowded with people anxiously awaiting the opening of the discussion of the Judiciary Committee resolutions on the Duskine case. Prayer was offered by Bishop Thomas Bowman of St. Louis.

On account of a bad cold, which would prevent his speaking, Mr. Edmunds was unable to present his resolution of the Judiciary Committee, but hopes to be able to call it up to-morrow.

Mr. Vance announced his intention to introduce a bill to repeal the Civil Service law.

Mr. Bowen then addressed the Senate at great length on the silver question, in which he advocated the continued coinage of silver.

### THE FITZ JOHN PORTER BILL.

The Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Republic says that Senators Stanford and Spooner will vote for the Fitz John Porter bill.

Mr. Stanford has been attributed to the change in General Grant's feelings. Senator Stanford had the greatest respect, and almost reverence, for General Grant's judgment, and when he altered his opinion and acknowledged that General Porter had been unjustly dealt with, he was not only a man of heart, but a man of courage.

Senator Stanford was also influenced by General Grant's confession and will vote for the bill in consequence.

### THE HOUSE.

On the call of States, Mr. T. J. Campbell introduced a bill authorizing the purchase of property on which to erect buildings in New York for Government use.

Mr. Henley of California offered for reference the following resolution for the appointment of a special committee to inquire into alleged evasions of the Thurman act by the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

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### THE DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

**President Baum Resigns Disgraced With the Situation.**

President of the School Board Baum states that his resignation will be sent in sometime this week. He says that he will not, under any circumstances, consent to play at being trustee of the public schools. He declared himself to be in favor of the bill now pending in Congress on the school question.

When his attention was called to the Commissioners' letter on the school question, he said: "Henceforth the schools of Washington will go backward, and instead of a uniform graded system we will see each school conducted on a different plan."

In regard to the Commissioners' plan of appointing teachers, he said: "The superintendent, supervising principal and local trustee of a school district agree upon some personal friend to replace a teacher and recommend the appointment to the Commissioners. The latter have not time to inquire into all the details, and without any knowledge of the case, confirm the nomination."

"We were told by their letter of December 30 last," he continued, "that there was no such thing as a Board of School Trustees, and since then I have refused to be a member of the board. Now they only reiterate their former opinion and endeavor to make an advisory board."

He said that all that will be required of the school trustees is to be performed by the supervising principal of a school. Unless the plan is speedily modified confusion and injury to the schools will follow.

The committee of citizens has had prepared a resolution to be presented to the District Committee of the Senate a statement which contradicts the allegation, made by the Commissioners, that the Board of School Trustees expended money of its school funds for the times in excess of the appropriations made by Congress, and a declaration to the effect that the new order of the Commissioners simply abolishes the board as such, deprives the citizens of any agency to check the expenditures in connection with the public schools or to keep down fraud and corruption.

Commissioner Webb's position is, that the old Board of Trustees, having been abolished, the entire responsibility for the management of the schools devolves upon the Commissioners. He also says that there is not a word of truth in Mr. Baum's statement that the school funds were expended for the times in excess of the appropriations made by Congress, and a declaration to the effect that the new order of the Commissioners simply abolishes the board as such, deprives the citizens of any agency to check the expenditures in connection with the public schools or to keep down fraud and corruption.

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